

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and further and favorable reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested.

**FORM PTO 948**

Form PTO 948 appended to the Official Action in this case mailed September 24, 2002, indicates that Figures 2 and 3 are objected to by the Draftsperson. This form further indicates that "[t]he Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary" (bold added). Because nothing in the Official Action mailed September 24, 2002, indicated that the Examiner was, in fact, requiring such corrections (*See, e.g.*, Box 10 of the Office Action Summary; *See also* Detailed Action), it was agreed during a teleconference between the Examiner and the undersigned that this matter would be deferred until a later date. Should allowable subject matter be found and should the Examiner determine such corrected drawings are indeed necessary, he will so state at least in Box 10 of an Office Action Summary and preferably in the Detailed Action as well.

Accordingly, no corrected drawings are being submitted at this time.

**SEQ ID NOS**

Further to a teleconference with the Examiner and despite the M.P.E.P.'s mandate that the applicability of the sequence rules is determined on a case-by-case basis (*See* M.P.E.P. § 2422.01, Page 2400-33, 8<sup>th</sup> Ed., Rev. Feb. 2003), Applicants have amended

Paragraph 0018 of the Specification to include SEQ ID NOs for the unclaimed primers used in obtaining the claim invention, as requested by the Examiner.

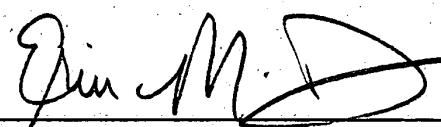
Accordingly, SEQ ID NOs 9-22 have been added to the Specification.

**CONCLUSION**

From the foregoing, further and favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Supplemental Reply and Amendment, or the application in general, it would be greatly appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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